

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
IDAHO POWER COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	CASE NO. IPC-E-04-6
AUTHORIZING UP TO \$250,000,000)	
AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT AT ANY)	
ONE TIME OUTSTANDING OF SHORT-TERM)	ORDER NO. 29461
<u>BORROWINGS.</u>)	

On February 26, 2004, Idaho Power Company (Idaho Power) filed an Application, pursuant to Chapter 9, Title 61 of the Idaho Code and Rules 141 through 150 of the Commission Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.141-150, requesting authority to incur up to \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount at any one time of short-term debt. Idaho Power is an electric utility headquartered in Boise, Idaho, providing retail electric service in southern Idaho and eastern Oregon. The Commission hereby adopts its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order approving the Application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The securities will consist of loans issued as public or private placements in the form of unsecured notes, unsecured promissory notes, commercial paper or other indebtedness. The terms and interest rate for each issue will be determined at the time of issuance. The debt issuance(s) may be at a fixed or variable interest rate based on LIBOR, the applicable prime rate, or other established rate and may be based on Idaho Power's first mortgage bond credit rating. The length of the issuance series may also vary with the borrowing(s) issued during the one-year period from April 1, 2004 through March 31, 2005. The varying maturities will not be longer than one year with the final maturity not beyond March 31, 2006. Each note will have a fixed maturity with no provision for automatic roll over.

Fees will be charged by a syndicated facility for credit line arrangement estimated at \$250,000, an annual fee estimated at \$30,000, and a facility fee as a percentage of each bank's commitment. Commercial paper dealers or agents will charge a commission not to exceed 1/8 of 1 percent of the principal amount of each note.

The funds will be obtained for temporary, interim capital requirements for the following purposes: renewal of short-term notes of indebtedness; power supply costs; construction of new

plant along with the upgrade of existing generation, distribution, transmission and general plant; retirement of maturing debt; refinancing of certain debt or preferred stock; or other corporate purposes.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Idaho Power is an electric corporation within the definition of *Idaho Code* § 61-119 and is a public utility within the definition of *Idaho Code* § 61-129.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to the provisions of *Idaho Code* § 61-901 *et seq.* and the Application reasonably conforms to Rules 141 through 150 of the Commission's Rules of Procedures, IDAPA 31.01.01.141-150.

The method of issuance is proper.

The general purposes to which the proceeds will be put are lawful purposes under the Public Utility Law of the State of Idaho and are compatible with the public interest. However, this general approval of the general purposes to which the proceeds will be put is neither a finding of fact nor a conclusion of law that any particular construction program of the Company which may be benefited by the approval of this Application has been considered or approved by this Order, and this Order shall not be construed to that effect.

The issuance of this Order authorizing the proposed financing does not constitute agency determination/approval of the type of financing or the related costs for ratemaking purposes, which determination the Commission expressly reserves until the appropriate proceeding. All fees have been paid by Idaho Power in accordance with *Idaho Code* § 61-905.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Idaho Power Company be, and the same is hereby authorized, during the period from April 1, 2004 to and including March 31, 2005 to make short-term borrowings and to issue unsecured notes (including renewal notes), for the purposes herein set forth, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000 aggregate principal amount of short-term promissory notes or other evidence of indebtedness to be outstanding at any one time, with a final maturity of no later than March 31, 2006. Idaho Power is further authorized to the extent permissible under applicable governmental statutes and regulations to substitute commercial paper borrowings for the Lines of Credit, or other borrowing arrangements, up to the limit of \$250,000,000 aggregate

principal amount at any one time outstanding as herein set forth. No additional authorization is required to carry out this transaction and no Supplemental Order will be issued.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Idaho Power shall file with the Commission pursuant to the Commission's Rule 143, as soon as available, final verified copies of any agreement entered into in connection with the execution of this authority. IDAPA 31.01.01.143.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Idaho Power include the debt authorized by this Order with its periodic debt reports for submission to and review by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing authorization is without prejudice to the regulatory authority of this Commission with respect to rates, utility capital structure, service accounts, evaluation, estimates for determination of cost or any other matter which may come before this Commission pursuant to its jurisdiction and authority as provided by law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that nothing in this Order and no provisions of Title 61, Chapter 9, Idaho Code or any act or deed done or performed in connection therewith shall be construed to obligate the state of Idaho to pay or guarantee in any manner whatsoever any security authorized, issued, assumed or guaranteed under the provisions of said Title 61, Chapter 9, Idaho Code.

THIS IS A FINAL ORDER. Any person interested in this Order may petition for reconsideration within twenty-one (21) days of the service date of this Order. Within seven (7) days after any person has petitioned for reconsideration, any other person may cross-petition for reconsideration. *See Idaho Code* § 61-626.

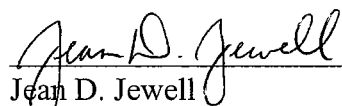
DONE by Order of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission at Boise, Idaho, this 31st
day of March 2004.


PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER


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ATTEST:


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